



## Birthdays

Betty Campbell  
October 19th

Don Nasholm  
October 26th

## Anniversaries

Jeannie Beattie  
October 10th

Jeannine Todd  
October 24th

## Who is Bringing Snacks?

Robyn Burgess and the Azevedos are bringing Pie!

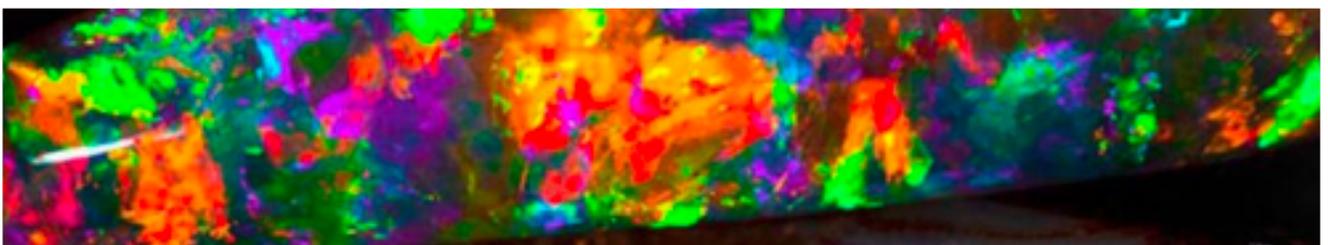
Delicious!

## The Prez Box - October 2022



As our year winds down, it is time for Board elections. Our October meeting will begin the positions process. We have several new members this year who will be able to fill board positions as soon as next year. Therefore, our goal is to hold the club together long enough for the next generation to step in. We have volunteers to fill all the positions except President Elect and 1 Board member. Please let us know if anyone is willing to take on either position.

We did make a change to the Field Trip Leader position. One of our newest members, Joey Nichols has agreed to take over. She will need a fair amount of information on how to facilitate the position, and she also needs support from our membership to find locations and interested rockhounds to participate. She has tons of spirit and the ability to relay that spirit to others. Her spirit is contagious! We hope to have a few locations ready for her to work with by the beginning of 2023. I am guessing her first trip will be to the area she has been collecting from on her own.



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## October 2022

**October 3** at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's garden

**October 11** at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center

## November 2022

**November 7** at 7:00 pm - Board Meeting in Wes Lingerfelt's garden.

**November 8** at 7:00 pm - General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center.

**November 12** at 8:00 am - Highway Clean-up at the Southwest Corner of Highway 101 and 166.

## Upcoming Dates

**December 10** - OMS Annual Meeting at the Madonna Inn

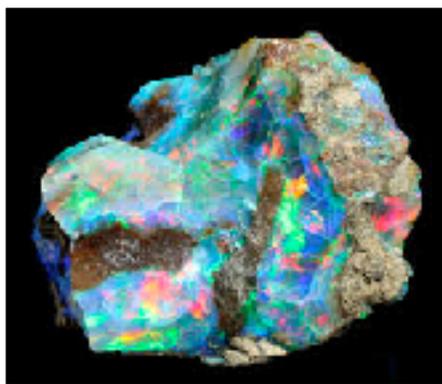


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In 2023, the Board will begin on review and revisions to our current Club Bylaws, they have not been revised since 1997 and there have been many changes taking place to our club's membership. We are in the process of handing the club over to a new generation and would like to have everything up to date as they take over.

We will also be working on our plans and agenda for our upcoming Annual Meeting and installation of the new, incoming Board Members. We should have the menu choices ready for the general meeting but again, we are getting a late start. We may have to choose via emails this year.

Our program this month is going to be a trip back to yesteryear. Bryan Pearson will be demonstrating and telling us about the methods used in lapidary before the days of all our mechanized processes. In sticking with the theme, our displays will be anything or artifact and lapidary products, rocks, from before the age of motor driven machines.

Hope to see you there!

Sally G. (Prez)

## October Birthstone - Opal

The name of this, the traditional October birthstone, is believed to have originated in India (the source of the first opals brought to the Western world), where in Sanskrit it was called upala, a "precious stone." In ancient Rome, this became opalus. Most opals are valued for their shifting colors in rainbow hues - a phenomenon known as "play-of-color."

The October birthstone's dramatic play-of-color has inspired writers to compare it to fireworks, galaxies and volcanoes. Bedouins once believed opal held lightning and fell from the sky during thunderstorms. Ancient Greeks thought opals bestowed the gift of prophesy and protection from disease. Europeans long maintained opal to be a symbol of purity, hope and truth. Hundreds of years ago, opal was believed to embody the virtues and powers of all colored stones.

<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones/october-birthstones>

## Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - September 5, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm by Sally Griffith

**Members Present:** Sally Griffith, Tara Machin, Jeannie Brown (by phone), Wayne Mills, Betty Campbell, Jan Ferguson, and Renea Sutcliffe.  
Guest: Wes Lingerflet

**Previous Minutes:** No corrections

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeanne reported the preliminary show data only, not the quarterly report. She is still waiting on the high school and the port o potty bills to come in. They can take up to 6 to 8 weeks to respond. The Board decided to raise the scholarship to \$1500. The scholarship will go to either Cal Poly, Cuesta College, or Alan Hancock College. Jeannie will be meeting with all of the schools at a future date.

**Correspondence:** Sally forgot to pick up the mail. She will email any correspondence on when she picks up the mail.

### Committee Reports:

1. **Bulletin-** No Corrections
2. **CFMS/AFMS-** No Updates
3. **Membership-** There are 2 membership requests from the last general meeting. Wayne has asked them to come to another meeting before signing up.
4. **Field Trip -** Go to the SLO club show on September 24th and 25th. Try to volunteer if you can since their members help us at our show. The show is being held at the Vet's Hall in SLO.
5. **Adopt-a-Highway -** Our next Highway clean-up this Saturday on September 10 th at 8:00 am. We meet at the southwest corner of Highway 101 and 166. Our club received a \$500 check from the state as a thank you for our participation in the adopt a highway program. Wayne gave the check to Jan to give to Jeannie.

**6. Annual Awards Banquet:** No Update - It will be December 10th at the Madonna Inn.

**7. Breakfast-** No Updates

**8 Education-** Wayne will be the Rock Doc at the SLO club show on September 24th and 25th.

**10. Library-** No report.

**11. Sunshine-** Margaret went to Ventura to help her brother after surgery.

**12. Scholarship-** Will be \$1500 from show proceeds

### Show:

- We made it through another show!
- Jeannie will/has reported monetary figures to the Department of Justice. The board has decided to apply for the raffle for next year already since it was only \$30 to apply. Jeannie already took care of the the application.

### Old Business:

- The board needs to revisit reducing the length of time one must be a member in order to serve as an officer or a board member. Currently you need to have 2 years of membership to be an officer and 1 year to be a board member. Wes was starting this process, but we need to get this done. Wes needs to figure out if this change is legal and the steps that are needed to officially change the bi-laws. We are currently down 2 board members and 2 officers. We cannot vote on the bi-law change unless we have a full board. We have some work to do.
- Our guide for Rockhounding on the Central Coast needs to get finished. We just need to collect info from various locations and put them in one place.

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### New Business:

- Jeannie suggested that maybe we would want officers to serve 2 years instead of 1 so that we have 1 year of learning and 1 year of serving. We will discuss this further.
- Renea has been approached about our show next year and there are lots of food vendors that are interested.
- All board members have decided to stay on for next year. We still need a President Elect.
- Wayne has some expenses for postage. He had to mail out some of the raffle prizes. Jeannie will send out a check later.
- We gave a special award to Steven, Renea's son, to thank him for all the work he did loading the tables for the show.

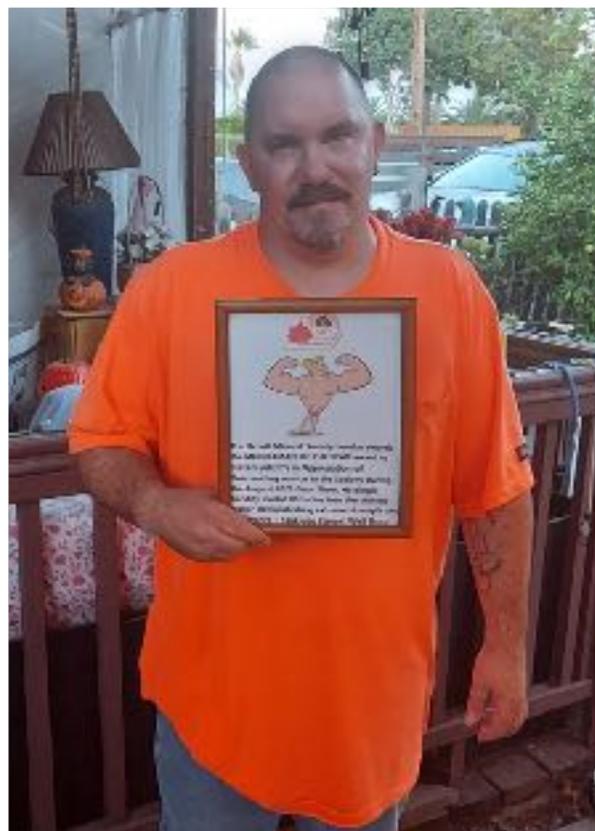
- Tara will try to find some high school students from Orcutt Academy for the show help. She has a contact for the Geology teacher there and hopefully we can schedule the students before summer so that they can get their service hours. If we need to hire a football team, hopefully we can get some donations from the club members to give a donation for their school.

**Program:** Wes's Recap of the 2022 Show. Jeannie wants to present a Tik-Tok video at the general meeting of the field trip show in August. Wes is going to figure out how to show the video at the meeting.

**Display:** Anything, but especially treasures bought at Show.

Adjourned at 8:11 pm

## Steve Sutcliffe Muscle Man of the Year Award



The Annual Rainbow of Gems show would not have been a success without the help of muscle man, Steve Sutcliffe. The show was an outstanding success except for those pesky tables. The loading and unloading of tables from the storage area has become a major problem for us. We have tried to hire people, but our hired help seemed to disappear when we needed them at the storage unit. Steve did not abandon us in our hour of need. He still had energy to spare when many of us were beyond tired and couldn't lift another table. The board wanted to give Steve this special award because he was the muscle we couldn't live without.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers this year. We cannot put on our show without everyone giving as much as they have. Rest up for next year!

## Displays from August General Meeting



There was a huge participation at the August General Meeting - Rocks and Fossils of the Central Coast. Sadly, no pictures were taken of the displays from the September General Meeting.

## Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting - September 13, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:04 PM by Sally Griffith

Wayne made a motion to change the order of the meeting so that Wes would have plenty of tie to present his program. Sally seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

**Invocation:** Debbie Hood

**Flag Salute:** Sally Griffith

**Members:** 21 members / 6 guests

**Program:** Wes's Show Wrap-Up. **The show was success due the efforts of all OMS Members who helped.**

Our publicity strategy (two weeks of ads in the Sun and New Times) was successful, and we had some great museum quality cases. He listed five hiccups that need improvement.

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1. Food vendors were not reliable in their attendance.
2. We had poor scheduling of "muscle men" to help do the heavy lifting.
3. Tables had been put in our locker "face up" from a previous use. Caused problems when they were removed.
4. OMS cases were improperly emptied. Only the bottom two screws need be removed.
5. At the beginning of the show, the tables need to be delivered to the Olympic Hall first for setting-up and skirting.

If you missed the meeting, view Wes's presentation on our web site at [omsinc.org](http://omsinc.org).

**Minutes from Board Meeting:** In Tara's absence, Wayne read the Board Meeting minutes.

**Correspondence:** We received the Santa Lucia's Rockhound bulletin, AFMS newsletter, Cuesta College Magazine and the bill for the Show's Port-a-Potties.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeannie has a tentative show income report. It will be finalized when the bill from the school comes in.

**Refreshments:** This month our refreshments are PIES from Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sharon Pearson, Betty Campbell and Jan Ferguson.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. Bulletin- No corrections.
2. CFMS- No report. Wayne published a report of CFMS, AFMS in the September Bulletin.
3. Membership- Wayne announced that he had received several applications,. He is pending action on these until we know if we will have a Board and Officers for 2023.
4. Field Trips- Wayne suggested that we consider a visit to the San Luis Obispo

Club show on September 24-25th at the San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall as our field trip this month. Sally also announced that one of our prospective members, Jody Nichols, has offered to be our Field Trip Coordinator for 2023.

5. Adopt-A-Highway- Wayne read his Highway Clean-up report and it will be published in the October Bulletin. We had 7 helpers.
6. Annual Awards Banquet- No Updates. We will need to start working on our menu choices soon.
7. Breakfast- None until further notice
8. Education- Wayne is the "Rock Doc" at the SLO Show on September 24-25th.
9. Library- No report.
10. Sunshine- If anyone is aware of any illness or "sunshine events", please let us know.
11. Scholarship- The board was told that we would have about \$1350 for our Earth Science Scholarship donation to a local institution. Jeanne will choose which institution after interviewing the Cal Poly, Cuesta, and Allan Hancock geology programs. The board voted to raise the donation to \$1500 for our first scholarship in 3 years.

**Show (2022):** Wes did a great review of our show as noted above. Wayne mentioned that he lost his gram, ounce, troy ounce, pennyweight scale that was in the Treasure Chest Booth on Sunday. Did anyone see it?

**Old Business:** We will be returning to our project of developing a comprehensive field trip guide.

**New Business:** Sally discussed our need to select officers and Board for 2023. We have some volunteers, but seek new participants from qualifying members as well. Currently, a

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person must be a member for 1 year for a Board position, and 2 years for an officer position. We also want to review and perhaps update our existing Bylaws that were last updated in 1997.

**Our October Program** will be "Lapidary before Motor Driven Machines" presented by Bryan Pearson. He will need an easel. Display will be artifacts and lapidary products from before the age of mechanical processes. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. Respectfully submitted, Wayne Mills for Tara Machin, Secretary, OMS

## Field Trip to the Natural History Museum in Santa Barbara



## Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

### October 1-2, 2022 - Anderson, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society

Website: <http://shastagemandmineral.org>

### October 8-9, 2022 - Redwood City, CA

Peninsula Gem and Geology Society AND  
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society

Websites: <http://pggs.org> or <https://www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org/>

### October 8-9, 2022 - Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society

Website: <https://www.ncgms.org/show-info/>

### October 9, 2022 - Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society

Website: <http://www.fgms.org>

### October 15, 2022 - West Hills, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers

Website: <http://SRMGS.org>

### October 15-16, 2022- Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

Website: [http://](http://www.eldoradocountymineralandgemociety.org)

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### October 29-30, 2022, Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society

Website: <https://www.sacgemshow.com>

November - No listings

December - No listings

More information can be found on the CFMS website at [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org)

## CFMS / AFMS News - October 2022

Notes by Wayne Mills

### CFMS Website - [cfmsinc.org](http://cfmsinc.org)

**President's Box-** Don Barton notes that the CFMS Annual Business Meeting takes place November 11-13th at the Visalia Wyndam Hotel. Schedules and details are in the CFMS newsletter.

CFMS is highlighting its committees to show how CFMS can help its member societies.

Rules and regulations for the committees are included in the October bulletin. 35 more CFMS Committees will be highlighted in 2023.

**Juniors-** Jim Brace-Thompson discussed the Juniors Achievement Award application process. An application is included in the bulletin.

**Rockhound of the Year Nominations-** Brad and Lynn Becker of Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society, Amy Phillips of Santa Lucia Rockhounds, and Sue Kimbriel of Kern County Mineral Society.

**CFMS is still looking for a host society for the 2023 CFMS Show.** Contact: Bob Rush (North) or Susan Chaisson -Walbloom (South) for information about beginning the application process.

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**CFMS will also host the American Federation Show in 2024.** They are seeking a host club for the AMFED show as well.

**All-American Club-** 2022 winners will be announced in November 2022. The deadline for applications for the 2023 contest will be February 15, 2023.

**AFMS Historian-** Jennifer Haley discussed the Drawn Features Contest for Juniors.

**Safety-** Ellery Borow has an article about Volunteerism that is especially relevant at this time of the year that clubs are seeking their officers and board members for 2023.

**Article about the categories of 501 © 1-7 organizations.**

**Upcoming Shows-** A list of upcoming shows, and 2022 CFMS Officers and committees is also included, as is a form for donations to the CFMS Endowment Fund.

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**AFMS Website-** [amfed.org](http://amfed.org)

**President's Message-** Margaret Kolaczyk gave her final message as AFMS President. A new AFS Committee will take over on November 1, 2022.

**Historian-** Jennifer Haley wrote an article about the purpose and value of maintaining historical records for your club.

**Rockhound of the Year-** Judi Allicon will be honoring members and juniors of your club who have rendered valuable service to the organization. Why and how to nominate a member information in article. Nominations in California are sent to: [chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_ward678@yahoo.com). CFMS Honorees for 2022 (see CFMS above) were also mentioned in the AFMS Bulletin.

**AFMS New Programs Competition-** The date for submitting a new program for the competition is April 5, 2023. There is a \$200 cash prize for the program scoring 95 and over points, and a \$100 prize for a program scoring highest in each of 5 categories. The categories are: educational, field collecting, how-to-do-it, miscellaneous class, and just for Juniors. More information in bulletin. Send entries to: DeLanc Cox, AFMS New Programs Chair, 8152 Spanker Ridge Drive, Bentonville, AR, 72712, or e-mail to [delanc3@earthlink.net](mailto:delanc3@earthlink.net).

**Future Rockhounds of American Volunteer Award-** The award was given to 6 Juniors nationwide. One junior was in California, Lucia Hetrick of Ventura Gem and Mineral Society.

**Juniors "Rock Star" Award-** (for earning all 20 Juniors badges) was given to 4 juniors nationwide. One was from California, Valerie Churchill of Ventura Gem and Mineral Society.

**Safety-** The cost of safety (at home and on the road) and the logic of being safe.

**2021 AFMS All-American Club Awards** Winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place - Ventura Gem and Mineral Society, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, and Honorable Mention - Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society

**Award Winning Bulletins-** There was a nice article about creating an award winning bulletin.

**AFMS-SCFMS show-** Will be in New Orleans, Louisiana is coming up October 14-16, 2022

**Article-** There was an article from the Lower Bucks Valley Rock and Mineral Club about a competition to produce micro-mount specimens covering the solar light spectrum.

**A list of AFMS Committees and contacts-** is included in the back of each bulletin, as is the AFMS Code of Ethics, AFMS Land Use Policy, and upcoming AFMS Shows and Conventions.

## CLEANING-UP ON HIGHWAY 166

**By Wayne Mills, Adopt A Highway Coordinator**

Seven hearty souls showed-up to clean our 2 mile stretch of Highway 166 East of Highway 101 in September. On first view, it was pretty disheartening—lots of trash in the parking area and across the street. However, we got to it, and shortly after I started working the north side of the highway, I found a \$20 Bill under some trash. I heard later that Marty found a \$5 Bill in his easternmost section. We found a few more interesting things in the hour and a half or so it took us all to clean, and we discussed these over breakfast and treats at Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria afterwards.

Participants this day were: Wes and Marty Lingerfelt, Geary Sheffer, Sally Griffith, Joe Azevedo, Steven Siemsen and yours truly, Wayne Mills. Joe was the winner of the participation prize which was a 2.5" sphere of Calcite donated by Wes Lingerfelt. Joe also spotted this unfortunate (Wiley?) Coyote in our section immediately east of Highway 101, a receiver block for a trailer hitch, and four old VHS tapes that had been smashed. These tapes included "I Love Lucy", "Children of a Lesser God", and "The Last of the Mohicans"—some real classics. Sally Gee found a cell phone (minus battery), and Wes found a dime, 2 cases of Modelo beer

(unfortunately, only empty bottles were included), and some engine parts. And yes, the highway was really dirty. All told, I think we left about 10 bags of trash and took with us a bag of cans and (plastic) bottles.



### Interesting Internet

**Amazing Collections - Watch a 16 minute video on opals**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LyymS5KkZo>

**'Virgin Rainbow' Opal Literally Glows In The Dark**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/trevornace/2016/07/25/virgin-rainbow-is-the-worlds-rarest-opal/?sh=58ff79083f19>

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The ORE-CUTTS (named after William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor. The Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was also named after Orcutt who was a geologist and civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District Manager for Union Oil Company in 1888. In 1889, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock in Los Angeles. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history.

OMS is a non-profit organization dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in the collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies.

